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Atty. Dkt. No. 016887-1121

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IN THE CAPTED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

Noriyuki UMEZAWA et al.

Title:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISCRIMINATING TONER BOTTLE TYPES, STIRRING TONER, AND DETECTING THE AMOUNT OF REMAINING TONER

Reissue Appl. No.:

10/658,849

Reissue Filing Date:

09/10/2003

Examiner:

Q. Grainger

Art Unit:

2852

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or § 146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: (check items that apply)

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	Information Disclosure Statement.								
	Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of listed reference(s).								
	Other: Supplemental Consent of Assignee Supplemental Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)								
Miscellaneous:									
	Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under								
	37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months.								
The filing fee is calculated below:									

	Claims as		Previously		Extra Claims				
	Amended		Paid For		Present		Rate		Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):							\$790.00	=_	\$790.00
Total Claims:	31	_	41	=	0	x	\$50.00	=_	\$0.00
Independents	8	_	10	=	0	x	\$200.00	=_	\$0.00
First pi	resentation o	f any	y Multiple D	epei	ndent Claims:	+	\$360.00	=_	\$0.00
					CLAIMS	FEE	TOTAL:	=	\$790.00

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	0	\$0.00		
	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00		\$0.00		
	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00		\$0.00		
	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00		\$0.00		
	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00		\$0.00		
EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:						
EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID: -						
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL						
	\$790.00					
	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):					
	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)					
	· TO	TAL FEE:		\$790.00		

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Date: April 27, 2007

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